Gauge conversion in South Western Railway

2075. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway tracks identified for gauge conversion in the South Western Railway; and

(b) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Gauge conversion of Kolar-Chickballapur (96.5 Kms), Mysore-Chamarajanagar (61 Kms), Shimoga-Talguppa (97 Kms) and Bagalkot-Gadag (93 Kms) sections have been taken up.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 244 crore has been provided for these works during 2007-08.

Construction of overbridge at Gohana Road Phatak in Haryana

2076. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy traffic jam since there is no overbridge over Gohana Road Phatak, in Sonipat, Haryana;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct an overbridge here, in view of the long pending demand of the public;

(c) whether it is a fact that a demand from the public was submitted before the Standing Committee on its tour to this region and the Committee agreed to their request;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider construction of an overbridge in view of the inconvenience faced by the commuters; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is heavy traffic line up on closure of the level crossing for train passing.

(b) The level crossing is busy with traffic density of 9,54,900 Train Vehicle Units. Work of road overbridge at level crossing No. 27-B on Sonepat-Gohana Road at Sonepat on Delhi Ambala Section has been sanctioned in the Works Programme of 2006-07. Profile sketch for it has been approved and work shall be taken up for physical execution.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Work has been sanctioned as per details given above.

Rail projects under Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana

2077. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 80 rail projects worth over Rs. 20,000 crores mostly located in backward regions of Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, etc., under the Remote